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INTRODUCTION

This information document outlines the main components of the uniform examinations for the Secondary IV science programs, namely Science and Technology and Applied Science and Technology. Among other things, this document was designed to guide teachers in the preparatory work they must do throughout the year to ensure that their students can pass these examinations.

The Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) is responsible for developing uniform examinations for June 2013, August 2013 and January 2014 for the *Theory* component of each program in order to test students' knowledge of the material indicated in the ministerial curriculum, as specified in the Progression of Learning. Schools must administer each uniform examination at the appointed time in the official schedule established by the Minister.

The examinations for the *Practical* component are developed by educational institutions. However, these examinations must take into account the instructions in this document in order to ensure a measure of uniformity. It should be noted that in 2008-2009, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011, MELS provided educational institutions with prototype experimental method and technological design process examinations to assist teachers in familiarizing themselves with the evaluation process for the *Practical* component.

1. ELEMENTS TO BE EVALUATED

The elements to be evaluated in the uniform examinations for Science and Technology and Applied Science and Technology are specified in Appendixes I and II. The evaluation criteria for each uniform examination are as follows:

- Proficiency of subject-specific knowledge targeted in the Progression of Learning
- Relevant use of scientific and technological knowledge
- Appropriate formulation of explanations or solutions

The questions on each examination are related to the evaluation criteria for the *Theory* component, as stated in the Frameworks for the Evaluation of Learning.

1.1 Main changes in the uniform examinations for 2013-2014

The compulsory concepts in the Science and Technology and Applied Science and Technology programs are indicated in Appendixes I and II by major area (The Living World, The Material World, The Earth and Space and The Technological World). Most of these concepts will be covered in the June 2013, August 2013 and January 2014 ministerial examinations. Educational institutions are responsible for evaluating the concepts shown in italics. This temporary measure is designed to help teachers familiarize themselves with these programs and the related evaluation process. Furthermore, additional information on certain aspects of the programs is provided in Appendixes III and IV.

1.2 Mastery of knowledge and the ability to use it

Mastery of knowledge means that the student is able to carry out a written task which shows that he or she knows and understands a concept (element, operation, relationship, model) related to science and technology. The ability to use knowledge means that the student is capable of applying a combination of concepts (elements, operations, relationships, models) related to science and technology. The questions relating to the student's mastery of knowledge and ability to use it may be multiple-choice or constructed-response questions and involve one of the following:

- Identification or understanding of a concept
- Identification or formulation of examples pertaining to a concept
- Simple application of a formula or an idea related to a concept
- Understanding of a combination of concepts
- Application of a complex procedure
- Explanation or justification of one or more concepts that may require analysis

2. CONTENT OF THE UNIFORM EXAMINATIONS

2.1 Science and Technology (555-410)

This uniform examination developed by MELS requires students to analyze situations and a technical object. Working alone, students must solve various problems using their knowledge of the compulsory concepts in the four areas of the program.

The examination, which consists of 25 questions worth 4 marks each, is divided into three parts:

- Part A consists of 15 multiple-choice questions worth 60% of the examination mark. These questions evaluate students' mastery of and ability to use knowledge relating to the compulsory concepts indicated in this document.
- Part B consists of 6 constructed-response questions worth 24% of the examination mark.
- Part C consists of 4 questions on the technological analysis of a technical object and is worth 16% of the examination mark.

The examination consists of:

- a *Student Booklet* presenting the questions, instructions and available resources
- an *Answer Booklet* in which students show all of the work involved in completing the examination
- a scannable answer sheet (for the June examination) for recording the answers to the questions in Part A
- a visual aid (an animated demonstration of a technical object provided on DVD)
- a *Marking Guide* for teachers

**Distribution of the Questions Related to Each Area of the Program and Weighting
Science and Technology**

	The Living World	The Earth and Space	The Material World	The Technological World	Number of Questions per Part
Part A	---	3 questions	10 questions	2 questions	15
Part B	1 question	1 question	3 questions	1 question	6
Part C	---	---	---	4 questions	4
Weighting	4%	16%	52%	28%	100%

2.2 Applied Science and Technology (557-410)

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- Part A consists of 15 multiple-choice questions worth 60% of the examination mark. These questions evaluate students' mastery of and ability to use knowledge relating to the compulsory concepts indicated in this document.
- Part B consists of 4 constructed-response questions worth 16% of the examination mark.
- Part C consists of 6 questions on the technological analysis of a technical object and is worth 24% of the examination mark.

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- a scannable answer sheet (for the June examination) for recording the answers to the questions in Part A
- a visual aid (an animated demonstration of a technical object provided on DVD)
- a *Marking Guide* for teachers

**Distribution of the Questions Related to Each Area of the Program and Weighting
Applied Science and Technology**

	The Living World	The Earth and Space	The Material World	The Technological World	Number of Questions per Part
Part A	---	1 question	9 questions	5 questions	15
Part B	1 question	1 question	1 question	1 question	4
Part C	---	---	---	6 questions	6
Weighting	4%	8%	40%	48%	100%

3. CONDITIONS FOR ADMINISTERING THE EXAMINATIONS

3.1 Duration of the examinations

The official schedule indicates that the duration of the examinations is 3 hours. An additional 15 minutes must be allotted, if needed, as provided for under section 4.3.5 of the *Administrative Guide for the Certification of Studies and Management of Ministerial Examinations*.

3.2 Procedure

Students must work alone, considering questions and analyzing problems that test their knowledge or their ability to use it. They must also analyze different aspects of a technical object. A video showing an animated demonstration of the technical object to be analyzed must play continuously during the examination.

Students must first read through the exam questions and reference materials presented in the *Student Booklet*. Then they must answer the questions in the *Answer Booklet* and on the scannable answer sheet (for the June examinations) by carrying out all the work according to the instructions provided.

The school must ensure that the equipment for projecting the animated demonstration of the technical object (DVD player and television or multimedia projector and computer) is available in the examination room.

While viewing the animated demonstration of the technical object, students are forbidden from communicating with one another or asking the invigilator questions about the technical object.

3.3 Permitted materials

3.3.1 Science and Technology (555-410)

Only the following materials may be used during the examination:

- Ruler
- Scientific calculator with or without a graphic display
- Periodic table of the elements provided in the *Student Booklet* (Appendix V)
- List of formulas provided in the *Student Booklet* (Appendix VI)

3.3.2 Applied Science and Technology (557-410)

Only the following materials may be used during the examination:

- Ruler
- Scientific calculator with or without a graphic display
- List of formulas and quantities provided in the *Student Booklet* (Appendix VII)

3.3.3 Rules for using calculators or other materials

Calculators with or without a graphic display that are designed primarily to perform mathematical calculations may be used during official examinations. Computers, tablet PCs, electronic organizers and calculators with an alphanumeric keyboard (QWERTY or AZERTY) are prohibited.

User guides, memory expansion features or any other calculator accessories are not permitted during the examination.

Students must have been duly informed in writing of the rules regarding the use of calculators during a ministerial examination.

The data and programs stored in the calculator's memory must be erased before the examination. Before the day of the examination, students must have been given the opportunity to learn how to reset their calculator's memory.

Using a calculator containing programs or data stored in the memory will be considered a form of cheating. Students may not share their calculator with another student.

The use of a memory aid sheet is also prohibited.

Note that students are **strictly prohibited** from using any electronic device (cell phone, MP3 player, camera, etc.) during the uniform examinations. Any student who does not abide by this rule shall be expelled from the examination room and will be declared as having cheated.

3.4 Measures adapting the conditions for administering ministerial examinations

Measures that adapt the conditions for administering ministerial examinations may be established to enable students with specific needs to demonstrate their learning. The Direction de la sanction des études has published a reference document with guidelines for educational institutions to follow in establishing these measures.

4. MARKING THE UNIFORM EXAMINATIONS

4.1 Responsibility for marking the examinations

With respect to the June 2013 examinations, Part A will be marked by MELS and Parts B and C will be marked by educational institutions. Every part of the August 2013 and January 2014 examinations will be marked by educational institutions.

In grading the examination papers, teachers must refer to the instructions in the *Marking Guide* provided by MELS and should form a marking committee to ensure that they have a common understanding of these instructions. By analyzing some of the examination papers submitted, the committee will be better able to determine what is expected of students.

5. RESULTS ON THE UNIFORM EXAMINATIONS

The result obtained on either of the uniform examinations is expressed as a mark out of 100 and is the sum of the results for each of Parts A, B and C. This result counts for 50% of the *Theory* component.

5.1 June 2013 examinations

All calculations for determining the final mark for the June 2013 examinations are carried out by MELS.

5.2 August 2013 and January 2014 examinations

All questions on the August 2013 and January 2014 examinations are marked by educational institutions. **Note that the marks must be submitted to MELS.**

6. EVALUATION OF THE *PRACTICAL* COMPONENT

With regard to the *Practical* component, teachers must evaluate student learning primarily by means of examinations in a laboratory or workshop. These examinations involve the experimental method and the technological design process. Educational institutions are entirely responsible for evaluating this component.

It is not advisable to use a single examination per year to evaluate the *Practical* component as that would be equivalent to assigning only one evaluation situation that counts for 40% of the student's final mark. To obtain valid results, it is recommended that students be evaluated on an individual basis each term.

The *Practical* component, administered and marked by educational institutions, is calculated out of 100 and counts for 40% of the student's subject mark.

Rubrics for evaluating students' work on practical examinations involving the experimental method and the technological design process are included in the prototype examinations available on the MELS password-protected site. It is a good idea to use these rubrics throughout the year.

7. SUBJECT MARK AND MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARD

The subject mark is based on the result for each component, weighted in accordance with the tables established by the Minister. Students earn credits for the program if they obtain a subject mark of at least 60%.

7.1 Weighting

The weighting for the two components is the same for both the Science and Technology program and the Applied Science and Technology program.

Practical component: 40% (school mark only)

Theory component: 60% (30% for the school mark and 30% for the uniform examination mark)

Compulsory Concepts That May Be Evaluated in Science and Technology

The scope of each concept is defined in the Progression of Learning.

Evaluation of the concepts shown in *italics* is the responsibility of educational institutions.

The Living World	The Material World	The Technological World
Ecology – Study of populations (<i>density, distribution, biological cycles</i>) Dynamics of communities – Biodiversity – Disturbances Dynamics of ecosystems – Trophic relationship – <i>Primary productivity</i> – <i>Material and energy flow</i> – <i>Chemical recycling</i>	Physical properties of solutions – Concentration (g/L, %, ppm) – Electrolytes – pH scale – <i>Electrolytic dissociation</i> – Ions – Electrical conductivity Chemical changes – Combustion – Photosynthesis and respiration (carbon cycle) – Acid-base neutralization reaction – Balancing chemical equations – Law of conservation of mass Organization of matter – Rutherford-Bohr atomic model – Lewis notation – Groups and periods in the periodic table Electricity and electromagnetism – Electrical charge – Static electricity – Ohm's law – Electrical circuits – Relationship between power and electrical energy Electromagnetism – Forces of attraction and repulsion – <i>Magnetic field of a live wire</i> Transformation of energy – Law of conservation of energy – Energy efficiency – Distinction between heat and temperature	Mechanical engineering – Characteristics of the linking of mechanical parts – Guiding controls – Construction and characteristics of motion transmission systems (friction gears, pulleys and belt, gear assembly, sprocket wheels and chain, wheel and worm gear) – Speed changes – Construction and characteristics of motion transformation systems (screw gear system, cams, connecting rods, cranks, slides, rotating slider crank mechanisms, rack-and-pinion drive) Electrical engineering – Power supply – Conduction, insulation and protection – Control – Transformation of energy (electricity and light, heat, vibration, magnetism) Materials – Constraints – Characteristics of mechanical properties – <i>Types and properties</i> – <i>Plastics (thermoplastics, thermosetting plastics)</i> – <i>Ceramics</i> – <i>Composites</i> – Modification of properties (degradation, protection)
The Earth and Space Biogeochemical cycles – Carbon cycle – <i>Nitrogen cycle</i> Climate zone – <i>Factors that influence the distribution of biomes</i> – <i>Marine biomes</i> – <i>Terrestrial biomes</i> Lithosphere – <i>Minerals</i> – Permafrost – Energy resources – <i>Soil profile (horizons)</i> Hydrosphere – Catchment area – Ocean circulation – Glacier and pack ice – Salinity – Energy resources Atmosphere – Greenhouse effect – <i>Atmospheric circulation</i> – <i>Air mass</i> – <i>Cyclone and anticyclone</i> – Energy resources Space – <i>Solar energy flow</i> – <i>Earth-Moon system (gravitational effect)</i>		

Compulsory Concepts That May Be Evaluated in Applied Science and Technology

The scope of each concept is defined in the Progression of Learning.

Evaluation of the concepts shown in *italics* is the responsibility of educational institutions.

The following are also evaluated: Techniques related to diagram drawing and graphic representation (see “Drawing diagrams” and “Constructing a graph using instruments” in the Techniques section of the Progression of Learning).

The Living World	The Material World	The Technological World
Dynamics of ecosystems – Disturbances – Trophic relationship – <i>Primary productivity</i> – <i>Material and energy flow</i> – <i>Chemical recycling</i> – <i>Factors that influence the distribution of biomes</i> – <i>Ecosystems</i>	Chemical changes – Combustion – Oxidation Electricity – Electrical charge – Static electricity – Ohm's law – Electrical circuits – Relationship between power and electrical energy Electromagnetism – Forces of attraction and repulsion – Magnetic field of a live wire – Magnetic field of a solenoid – Electromagnetic induction	Graphical language – Multiview orthogonal projection (general drawing) – Functional dimensioning – Developments (prism, cylinder, pyramid, cone) – Standards and representations (diagrams, symbols) Mechanical engineering – Adhesion and friction of parts – Linking of mechanical parts (degree of freedom of a part) – Guiding controls – Construction and characteristics of motion transmission systems (friction gears, pulleys and belt, gear assembly, sprocket wheels and chain, wheel and worm gear) – Speed changes, <i>resisting torque</i>, <i>engine torque</i> – Construction and characteristics of motion transformation systems (screw gear system, connecting rods, cranks, slides, cams, eccentrics rotating slider crank mechanisms, rack-and-pinion drive)
The Earth and Space	Transformation of energy – Law of conservation of energy – Energy efficiency – Distinction between heat and temperature Fluids – Archimedes' principle – Pascal's law – Bernoulli's principle Force and motion – Force – Types of forces – Equilibrium of two forces – Relationship between constant speed, distance and time – Mass and weight	Electrical engineering – Power supply – Conduction, insulation and protection (resistance and coding, <i>printed circuit</i>) – Control (types: unipolar, bipolar, unidirectional, <i>bidirectional</i>) – Transformation of energy (electricity and light, heat, vibration, magnetism) – Other functions (<i>condenser</i>, diode, transistor, <i>solid-state relay</i>) Materials – Constraints – Characteristics of mechanical properties – Heat treatments – Types and properties - Plastics (thermoplastics, thermosetting plastics) - Ceramics - Composites – Modification of properties (degradation, protection) Manufacturing – Manufacturing (characteristics of drilling, tapping, threading and bending) – <i>Measurement and inspection</i> – <i>Direct measurement (vernier calliper)</i> – <i>Control, shape and position (plane, section, angle)</i>
Lithosphere – <i>Minerals</i> – Energy resources Hydrosphere – Catchment area – Energy resources Atmosphere – <i>Air mass</i> – <i>Cyclone and anticyclone</i> – Energy resources Space – <i>Solar energy flow</i> – <i>Earth-Moon system (gravitational effect)</i>		

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Note: Students are not required to take significant figures into account when gathering data or giving their answers.

The Living World

BIODIVERSITY

The biodiversity of a community is defined as the relative abundance of the species living in that community. This necessarily implies that the species richness (the number of species) has already been taken into account.

The Material World

DIRECTION OF CURRENT

The direction of the current should be determined according to the polarity of the terminals, which is indicated on the source or ends of the wires.

NOBLE GASES

Group VIIIA (or group 18) consists of the elements that will be referred to as noble gases.

The Technological World

CONSTRAINTS

External forces (shearing, compression, deflection, torsion and tension) exerted on materials and that have a tendency to deform them

MECHANICAL PROPERTIES

Properties (ductility, hardness, elasticity, fragility, malleability, resilience, stiffness) that affect materials when they are subjected to one or more constraints

OTHER PROPERTIES

Corrosion resistance, electrical conductivity and thermal conductivity

FLEXIBLE LINK

A link is flexible when there is a flexible linking component or flexible material. It ensures that the parts will return to their initial position if the object works properly.

PARTIAL LINK

A link is partial when the linked parts must move in relation to one another for the object to work properly.

GUIDING

Function of a component that controls the motion of a moving part so that it follows a specific trajectory

EXPLODED VIEW

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In the list of parts included in the technical drawings, the abbreviation QTY will be used instead of Quantity.

REVERSIBILITY

A mechanism is reversible when a driven component can become a driver component and vice versa.

MATERIALS

The different materials will be examined with a view to associating them with some of their properties.

The use of materials will be studied, but not the way they are manufactured.

Metals and alloys	Electrical conductivity Hardness Magnetism Oxidation	
Ceramics	Hardness Low electrical conductivity Wear resistance Heat resistance Corrosion resistance	
Composites	Durability Hardness Elasticity Lightness Resilience Stiffness Corrosion resistance	
Plastics	Thermoplastics	Chemical neutrality (unreactive) Elasticity Lightness Resilience Corrosion resistance
	Thermosetting plastics	Hardness Resilience Heat resistance Stiffness

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE APPLIED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

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The Material World

DIRECTION OF CURRENT

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The Technological World

According to the Progression of Learning, the graphical language associated with the various techniques is characterized by the increasing complexity of the objects to be represented. Students are required to know the drawing techniques used to represent a multiview orthogonal projection.

DIMENSIONING

Set of dimensions and tolerances that must be observed to manufacture an object and ensure that it works properly

TOLERANCE

Precision (acceptable deviation) required in manufacturing the components of an object. If necessary, this tolerance is indicated as $\pm$ and is included in the title block.

FUNCTIONAL DIMENSIONING

Specific tolerance (acceptable deviation) that is associated with the dimensions (minimum and maximum) of a part of a component or of a component of an object and that is required for the object to work (e.g. $32.5^{+0.1}$ or $32.5_{-0.2}$ or $32.5 \pm_{0.1}^{0.3}$)

Play is the space allowed between two parts to ensure that they can move freely. Depending on the situation, there may or may not be any play between the parts.

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$$C = \frac{m}{V}$$

C : concentration
 m : quantity of solute
 V : quantity of solution

$$P = VI$$

P : electrical power
 V : potential difference
 I : electric current intensity

$$V = RI$$

V : potential difference
 R : resistance
 I : electric current intensity

$$E = P\Delta t$$

E : energy consumed
 P : electrical power
 Δt : time difference

$$\text{Energy efficiency} = \frac{\text{Amount of useful energy}}{\text{Amount of energy consumed}} \times 100$$

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$V = RI$ V : potential difference R : resistance I : electric current intensity	$F_g = mg$ F_g : gravitational force m : mass g : intensity of the gravitational field
$E = P\Delta t$ E : energy consumed P : electrical power Δt : time difference	$v = \frac{d}{\Delta t}$ v : average speed d : distance Δt : time difference
$P = VI$ P : electrical power V : potential difference I : electric current intensity	
Energy efficiency = $\frac{\text{Amount of useful energy}}{\text{Amount of energy consumed}} \times 100$	

QUANTITY		
NAME	SYMBOL	VALUE
Intensity of the gravitational field on Earth	g	9.8 m/s ² or 9.8 N/kg

